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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 13 June 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Election of Species Requirement in the Office Action mailed on 11 April 2005 listed three different groups of species from which Applicant must elect a single species for prosecution on the merits.

Therefore, Applicant must elect a single species from the three species of wall constructions (i.e., Applicant must elect any one of the following species of wall constructions: (1) the species of wall construction shown in Figs. 2a-2d; (2) the species of wall construction shown in Figs. 3a-3c; and (3) the species of wall construction shown in Figs. 4a-4c).

Applicant must also elect a single species from the seven species of Z-channel member materials (i.e., Applicant must elect any one of the following: (1) steel; (2) steel alloys; (3) iron containing alloys; (4) aluminum containing alloys; (5) copper containing alloys; (6) thermoplastic polymers; and (7) thermosetting polymers).

Applicant must also elect a single species from the seven species of fasteners (i.e., Applicant must elect any one of the following: (1) nails/brads/tacks; (2) staples; (3) screws/lag screws; (4) rivets; (5) bolts/lag bolts/machine bolts/carriage bolts/stove bolts/toggle bolts/anchor bolts; (6) adhesives; and (7) any combination of nails, brads, tacks, staples, screws, lag screws, rivets, bolts, lag bolts, machine bolts, carriage bolts, stove bolts, toggle bolts, anchor bolts, and adhesives).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gay Ann Spahn whose telephone number is (571)-272-7731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather C. Shackelford can be reached on (571)-272-7049. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. However, this fax phone number is being phased out and will no longer be in service after September 15, 2005. The new fax phone number beginning on July 15, 2005 will be (571)-273-8300.

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